

ment, public works in lean years—by these means un-employment could be largely prevented In so far as it persisted, the unemployed must be given maintenance from national funds on the condition of their accepting training, in order that the " demonstrated evil result of maintaining able-bodied men in idleness might be avoided "

Those unemployable through mental defect were to go to the local Health or Lunacy authority, those judicially convicted of wilful idleness or contumacy committed to a reformatory colony under the Home Office

Prevention was the leading note of the whole Minority

Repoint, just as it was to become the slogan of the campaign for action upon it Here of course appears the profound difference in spirit and approach that made the real gulf between the two Reports The Minority Report wholeheartedly accepted social responsibility, both for the causation of destitution, and for its prevention, and the care of its victims, the Majority still clung to the notion that " character" had something to do with poverty, and that there ought to be maintained a distinction, ultimately moral in sanction, between the self-supporting and the others

The Minority Report, like the books in which its proposals were swiftly to be expanded (*The Break-Up of the Poor Law, The Prevention of Destitution, and The State and the Doctor*) was a joint product The MS handed in was actually in the writing of the " senior partner " Simultaneously with the appearance of the Blue-Books containing

the Reports appeared the partners' own
edition of the
Minority Report with an introduction and notes,
in two neat
octavo volumes, uniform with then other works
Moreover
they lent the plates of this edition of their own
to the Fabian
Society, in order that a cheap edition in two
parts could
be sold, unbound, at the price of one shilling for
the volume
on Unemployment, and two shillings for that on
the Break-
up of the Poor Law. News of this procedure
came to the